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Mrs. Barbara Tuchman  
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Dear Mrs. Tuchman,

A few years ago when I was President of the Naval War College you and I missed connections several times. You were unable to accept several invitations I proffered to speak to or attend conferences at the College. I recall hoping that you would talk about one of your written articles that warned against educating military men too much in nonmilitary fields!

I would now like to ask if you would be kind enough to make a presentation to my new constituency, the United States Intelligence Community. We have a Guest Speaker Program which is intended to stimulate intelligence personnel to more innovative thinking, particularly to get them to stretch their horizons beyond their day-to-day concerns and endeavors. Every several months we ask some distinguished speaker such as yourself to come and spend an hour and a quarter with us in our CIA auditorium. We would hope for a thirty-to forty-minute talk followed by a question period. The audience would be composed not only of personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency but also from all of the other intelligence organizations in the Washington, D.C. area. There are normally 300-500 attendees.

I think you could be of great help in reminding us of the continued importance of keeping history in mind as we go about analyzing current affairs. A large portion of all intelligence activity is researching, analyzing, and interpreting recent data. I sincerely believe we could profit from being more aware that there is also historical data and precedent available to be considered.

Normally we have these lectures on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:15. We hope you might be available on 13 February. If that week is not convenient to you, we'd be happy to adjust. Our Guest Speaker honorarium is \$500 in addition to round-trip coach air transportation.

I would be very grateful if you would be willing to do this for us, and look forward very much to the opportunity of meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER